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Autumn Candlelight Tour—30 Years and Still Glowing

Ninety Six National Historic Site is pleased to host the Autumn Candlelight Tour on Saturday evening, October 8, 2011. This marks its 30th year.

Once a year since 1981, the village and battlefields of Old Ninety Six have been illuminated by candlelight. The event will shed light on the past with approximately 500 luminaries and torches which line the one-mile historic trail. Red and blue luminaries honor the loyalist and patriot soldiers who died at Ninety Six. Experience history as living historians portray settlers and soldiers during the Colonial and Revolutionary eras.

Guided tours will begin at 7:00 p.m. and depart every ten minutes; the last tour leaves at 8:20 p.m. Each tour will last about one hour and fifteen minutes. Reservations are not necessary; free tickets will only be available the evening of the event. Upon arrival, get tickets at the Information Tent located near the main parking area. Visitors should wear comfortable shoes and bring a flashlight.

The Visitor Center will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. While waiting for tours to begin, watch the 20-minute film, “Ninety Six: Crossroads of a Revolution” and look through the museum and gift store. Gather your friends and family for a chance to experience Ninety Six National Historic Site in a different way.

Ninety Six National Historic Site is the site of a battle and longest field siege during the American Revolution. It is administered by the National Park Service. The park is located two miles south of the town of Ninety Six on SC Highway 248. Visitor Center hours are 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. daily. In case of inclement weather, the program will be cancelled and not rescheduled. For more information call 864-543-4068 or visit the park’s webpage at www.nps.gov/nisi/.

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